

The Government's bill respecting "game, fur-bearing animals and fisheries of Ontario," introduced by Hon. Dr. Reaume, was the subject of discussion throughout almost the entire session of the Legislature yesterday, the longest Friday session since the House opened. Great interest has been manifested in the measure, as was amply proven by the wide range of the discussion. It had been intended to take up Hon. Dr. Pyne's bill to amend the public schools act, but shortly after 6 o'clock, with the game bill still unfinished, the House adjourned until Monday afternoon. The discussion and voting were on non-political lines, and on a number of occasions Cabinet Ministers voted against one another, as did also members of the Opposition.

#### Butler's Burying Ground.

Hon. Mr. Foy introduced an act "for the preservation of Butler's burying ground at Niagara-on-the-Lake." This empowers the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commission to expropriate the burying ground named, an historic spot, and the highway leading thereto, to be preserved for the public. The remains of Colonel Butler and a number of the soldiers who served under him in the early days of Upper Canada were buried there.

#### Game and Fish Law.

The House went into committee on Hon. Mr. Reaume's bill respecting game, fur-bearing animals and fisheries of Ontario.

Mr. Graham asked if anything had been done in respect to a reported extension of the area held exclusively by the Tadenac Game Club in Freeman township.

The Premier answered that the extension had not been granted. The matter would stand until the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines returned. The former Government had granted the club a very large area on both sides of Tadenac Bay as well as the bay.

Mr. Graham understood it was not the policy of the Government to give such grants or extensions.

The Premier remarked that that was about right.

#### The Open Seasons.

Hon. Dr. Reaume introduced an amendment to a section of the new bill which gave a clear month as the open season for deer, moose and caribou. The

amendment fixes the deer season from Nov. 5 to 20, the moose and caribou season south of the main line of the C. P. R. Nov. 5 to 20, and north of that line from Oct. 21 to Nov. 20. The other open seasons are as follows:—Grouse, pheasants, prairie fowl, partridge, woodcock, Sept. 15 to Dec. 15; quail, wild turkeys, black and grey squirrels, Nov. 1 to Dec. 1; swans and geese, Sept. 15 to April 30; ducks and other waterfowl, Sept. 1 to Dec. 31; snipe, rail and plover, Sept. 1 to Dec. 31; capercailze, Sept. 15 to Dec. 15; hares, Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.

#### The Shooting of Deer.

Mr. MacKay urged that the deer season should be, as in the present act, November 1 to 15. Georgian Bay district hunters often found themselves ice-bound by November 15, and had difficulty in getting back to their homes. Mr. Eilber expressed the same view. Hon. Mr. Matheson agreed with these views. Messrs. Mahaffy and Tudhope favored the change to November 5 to 20, and Hon. Dr. Reaume said the majority of the sportsmen and others who had attended the meetings of the Fish and Game Committee, at which the bill was discussed, wanted the change. The amended clause was adopted.

Mr. Tudhope moved an amendment to the clause regarding the number of deer which may be shot, that in the case of both single hunters and hunting parties the number should be limited to one for each man, and not two, as at present. This was defeated by a vote of fifteen to eleven.

#### Automatic Gun Must Go.

On the sections prohibiting the use of the automatic gun there was some discussion as to whether it should go into effect at once or at a date to be fixed, as there were many such guns in the possession of private parties, and some in stock in the stores, and these would be a loss. Mr. Calder moved that the clause be struck out, but this was lost. Mr. McNaught moved that the clause do not go into effect for five years, and this was also defeated. Mr. Gamey then moved that the operation of the clause be deferred for two years, and once more the amendment was beaten. Thereupon Mr. Tudhope, with the remark that those having such guns should have a chance "to unload them," moved that the prohibition be delayed one year. This, the final amendment to the clause, was also defeated, the vote being sixteen to eighteen, and the clause was adopted.